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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210 2005 NOV 21 PN 1: 54

Re: Request for Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head Area to Hilton Head Island

**PSC Docket No. 2005-204-C** 

Motion for an Additional Thirty Day Extension

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On July 19, 2005, the Public Service Commission issued Order No. 2005-382 in the above referenced Docket requesting that the Office of Regulatory Staff investigate the costs of providing an Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton / Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island and any possible alternatives to extended area calling. The Order further requested that ORS make its report and recommendation to the Commission within sixty (60) days of the order. Subsequently, because of a delay in receiving information from the companies and the necessity in evaluating the available options, ORS requested an additional forty-five (45) day extension which the Commission granted. Finally, ORS and Hargray Bluffton Telephone Companies requested an additional fourteen day extension due to further delays in providing the information to ORS.

Regrettably, ORS was informed late this afternoon that the data provided to ORS and upon which ORS formulated its recommendations is incorrect. Hargray Bluffton has notified ORS that it will take at least two weeks to provide the correct information. Additionally, ORS will need time to evaluate these updated figures. As ORS does not want to make an incorrect recommendation to the Commission, ORS hereby requests a

thirty day extension in the time for filing the report. It is my understanding that Peg Fox, attorney for Hargray Bluffton, joins in this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Mustian

cc: Mr. Donald A. Cotnoir

Mr. Bob Labonte, Hargray Communications

M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE )

This is to certify that I, Pamela McMullan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the MOTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY EXTENSION in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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